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C O N F I D E N T I A L VALLETTA 1030

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR NARCOTICS TRAINING

STATE ALSO PASS BUREAU OF CUSTOMS, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND BNDD/(IA); ROME FOR MOLITTIERI AND TARALLO; PARIS FOR CUSTOMS AND BNDD.

REF: VALLETTA 0252; VALLETTA A-43; VALLETTA A-90.

1. IN DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR ON MAY 21, PRIME MINISTER'S PRIVATE SECRETARY, JOE CAMILLERI, INQUIRED ABOUT STATUS OF TRAINING PROGRAM FOR SELECTED POLICE OFFICERS IN NARCOTICS CONTROL MENTIONED PARA 3 OF VALLETTA 0252. AMBASSADOR INQUIRED IF GOM NOW WISHED ARRANGE SUCH TRAINING PROGRAM. CAMILLERI REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY, AND MADE CLEAR THIS WAS PRIME MINISTER'S DESIRE.
2. COMMENT: CAMILLERI'S REQUEST RESULTS FROM FORTH-COMING OFFER OF TRAINING BY ROME REPRESENTATIVES OF CUSTOMS AND BNDD DURING JANUARY VISIT AND MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER. (VALLETTA 0252). THEY DESCRIBED TWO POSSIBLE PROGRAMS: ONE CONFIDENTIAL

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IN WHICH MALTESE OFFICERS WOULD BE SENT TO U. S. FOR TRAINING, OR ALTERNATIVELY ONE WHICH WOULD HAVE U. S. TEAM SETTING UP COURSE ON MALTA. MINTOFF WAS MORE INTERESTED IN LATTER, AMONG OTHER REASONS FOR COST FACTORS, BUT ALSO BECAUSE MORE

MALTESE POLICE OFFICERS COULD BE TRAINED. CUSTOMS AND
BNDD REPS INDICATED SUCH A PROGRAM COULD BE ARRANGED
AT U. S. EXPENSE.

3. WHILE WE WILL WISH TO CONFIRM THAT MALTA POLICE
ORGANIZATION IS SUCH THAT A TRAINING PROGRAM OF THIS NATURE
WOULD BE EFFECTIVE, WE URGE THAT PRELIMINARY PLANNING
BE UNDERTAKEN AND THAT EMBASSY BE INFORMED OF SPECIFICS
WHICH CAN IN DUE COURSE BE CONVEYED TO GOM.

4. AFTER SHORT HIATUS IN DRUG ARRESTS, NUMBER OF CASES
APPEARS ON INCREASE, WHICH MAY WELL CONTINUE DURING
SUMMER TOURIST SEASON. IN ADDITION, U. S. SHOULD HAVE
LOGICAL INTEREST IN IMPROVING MALTESE CAPABILITIES AGAINST
NARCOTICS TRAFFIC IN VIEW OF MALTESE STRATEGIC LOCATION
AND NUMBER OF DUBIOUS SMALL COMMERCIAL VESSELS WHICH
REGULARLY ENTER MALTESE PORTS. WE BELIEVE MALTESE
REQUEST IS REASONABLE AND WOULD BE IN U. S. AS WELL AS
MALTESE INTERESTS. WE ALSO AGREE THAT TRAINING COULD MORE
EFFECTIVELY TAKE PLACE IN MALTA. PLEASE ADVISE. GETZ

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